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| Filing Date | December 13, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Khaled Ahmad El-Ayat |
| Art Unit | 2819 |
| Examiner Name | Le, Don P. |
| Attorney Docket Number | ACT-320COA |

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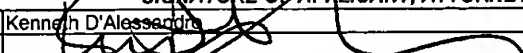
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